

**NHYHA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**4/12/17**  
**Cavallos 8pm**

Board Members Present: Alex Raiano, Philip DeFazio, Mike Malloy, John Ambrose, Carson Cunningham, Chris Moran

Others Present: Susan Campbell, Elizabeth De Simone

Board Members not present: Linda Eisenhut, Bill Gall, Chris Smith, John Syrotinski, Kevin Darcy

Meeting called to order at 8:09pm by Chris Moran

Minutes from last meeting presented by Chris Moran. No discussion. Approved

Secretary report: Elizabeth De Simone is now secretary. Will post minutes on website.

Treasurers report: Given by Phil DeFazio

Approximately \$400-500 in red for concessions

Still working on tax situation

McDonald's nights and bottle redemption still owed to us.

Should be approximately \$800-1000

VP report not given

**New Business**

- 1) Registration fees for 2017-2018
  - a. Ice cost increase 2-3%
  - b. Declining membership makes it difficult to cover ice costs with just registration fees
  - c. Haven't increased fees in a few years
  - d. PeeWees: \$675 (includes \$100 for raffle) and \$100 concession fee
  - e. Other Levels:
    - i. 2 Mites
    - ii. LTS
    - iii. 2 PeeWees
    - iv. Bantam
    - v. Midgets
      1. May not have a team this year. Fee is \$495

- f. Discounts/Benefits:
  - i. Free Goalies?
  - ii. Lower Mite fee to attract people back
  - iii. Practice jerseys
    - 1. Free for lower levels
    - 2. Upper levels currently pay for theirs
    - 3. Maybe make them free for everyone
    - 4. Jerseys with names are approximately \$175
    - 5. Maybe adding a 45<sup>th</sup> year patch
  - iv. Need to advertise
  - g. Excess Ice: other organizations looking for ice time, especially Comets
- 2) Comet defectors
  - a. Not getting what promised.
  - b. We need to deliver what we promise.
  - c. If Comets become true Tier 1, people may come back
  - d. Players/parents follow coaches
  - e. Talk of splitting 2006s between Utica and New Hartford
  - f. May be going to only 1 Mite team
- 3) Concession Stand
  - a. Gathering fee upfront from parents
  - b. Provides a service
  - c. Families can volunteer to earn fee back
  - d. Have been able to pay high school students to fill gaps
  - e. Surplus sold to New Hartford Little League at end of season
  - f. Next year, maybe find someone to shop for cheaper prices
  - g. We want to keep it going
- 4) 2<sup>nd</sup> PeeWee team coach
  - a. Head coach Eric Engdahl
  - b. Assisted by Dave Clausen (UC Women's coach) and Amy Clausen
- 5) Mites
  - a. Thinks that will be at least 30 Mites, but not sure if enough Reds
  - b. Will have Mite coordinator that is not a coach
- 6) Situation with potential sale of rink
  - a. Lots of rumors
  - b. Town Supervisor wants to get rid of it as it costs the town money
  - c. Building needs upgrades
  - d. Village owns land, town owns the rink
    - i. Village doesn't want to lease land to anyone else
  - e. Legally binding contract?
    - i. Contract is signed between NHYHA board and town board
    - ii. Lease comes up in the fall
      - 1. Can we sign early?
      - 2. No major changes to ice slots/amount of ice
      - 3. Can we have language in contract that protects our ice time for the season?

Motion to adjourn: 9:15pm

